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writings of G. K. Chesterton, the Eng-
lish journalist and author, more than
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tending from "The Fool" to the "Aris-
tocratic 'Arry", from "The Man Who
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Viewpoints

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Editor the Missourian: Many Uni-
versity students are very poorly in-
formed as to present-day political,
economic and social conditions—much
more so than their general education
warrants. For example, how many
students can give the causes of the
Turko-Balkan war, or present valid
and irrefutable reasons for support-
ing the candidate and party they
support? This lack of knowledge is
due to two causes: (1) lack of time
and (2) lack of inclination. Univer-
sity life is strenuous and exacting,
and when the student has a few lei-
sure moments from the demands of
his studies, athletics and social activi-
ties, he prefers—and justly—to spend
them in reading something light and
entertaining.

The lack of inclination may be ex-
plained partly by the student's lack
of knowledge as to the way to get
authoritative information on current
topics, and partly by his lack of ex-
perience in things political. He reads
the newspapers and magazine and
finds conflicting statements and
views. He is told that this paper is
biased, that the other is bought, that,
while a certain magazine may be non-
partisan, it is so merely to curry
favor with the mighty.

In his talks with his friends he
finds divergent views—and misleading
opinions. And over all is his party
loyalty to blind him to the true
merits of his political opponents.
Moreover, he is young and inexperi-
enced in political matters, and has
not followed with breathless interest
the bulletin boards of many cam-
paigns, as his elders have. As a re-

sult he is lost in a hopeless maze,
and gives up hope of ever arriving
at any definite solution of his prob-
lems.

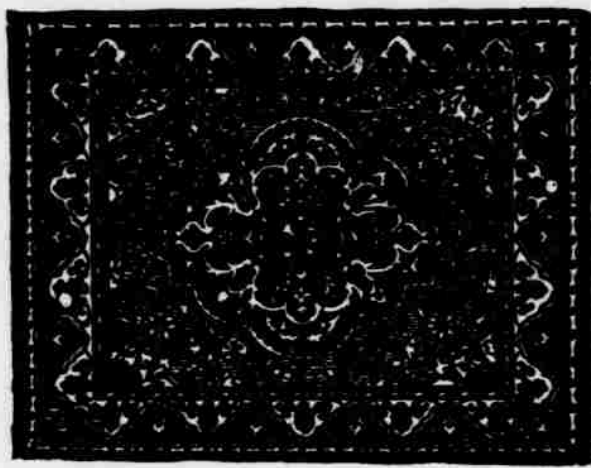
Now, why can't the University
remedy this condition by giving a
compulsory course in present-day po-
litical science, economics and history?
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ative study of the leading magazines
and newspapers, teaching the student
to know which ones to read, and what
articles to place confidence in. It
would include enough history and
economics to give the student a
foundation for his knowledge. It
would embrace a brief survey of all
the countries of the world with their
present-day status, and would discuss
fully such pressing problems as the
tariff, initiative and referendum, re-
call, primaries, equal suffrage, social-
ism, direct election of United States
senators, and above all, the actual
processes of elections, local and na-
tional. It would not be possible to
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cussing.

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